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Examiner Vincent,

Thank you so much for taking the time to discuss the below-mentioned case with me today.

Per our discussion, attached is a copy of the IDS we sent to the patent office on March 9, 2004.

Also attached are copies of the foreign patents and nonpatent references. Since some of the nonpatent references are quite large, I'm sending them in two additional e-mails.

My understanding from our conversation is that, assuming that nothing in the IDS affects your decision to allow claims 1-53, that you are going to allow claims 1-53. In addition, you are going to cancel claims 54-58, without prejudice, due to a restriction between those claims and the allowed claims. We will be able to pursue claims 54-58 in a divisional application.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, or have any problems opening the attachments.

Sincerely,

Meghan

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----Original Message----

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Re: amendment filed March 02, 2004

Claims 1-53 appear to be allowable. New claims 54-58 would be subject to a restriction by original presentation requirement. If you authorize me to cancel claims 54-58 by examiner's amendment, I can allow the case.

Please call me at 1-571-272-1194. If you prefer to answer by email, include this text with your response and I will print out the email to use as an attachment to an interview summary form.

Sean Vincent Primary Examiner AU 1731